



AGENDA

Safer Communities Committee Meeting Thursday, 7 December 2023

Date Thursday, 7 December 2023

Time 12.30pm

Location St John Meeting Room
9 Jackson Street
Timaru

File Reference 1633599

Safer Communities Committee

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Safer Communities Committee will be held in the St John Meeting Room, 9 Jackson Street, Timaru, on Thursday 7 December 2023, at 12.30pm.

Safer Communities Committee Members

Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Scott Shannon (Deputy Chairperson), Katy Houstoun - Multicultural Aoraki, Simon Coleman - Aoraki Secondary Sch Principals' Assn, Julie Fosbender - CCS Disability Action, Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce, Ruth Swale - Anglican Care Advocacy Services, Jackie Williams - Neighbourhood Support, Vicki Walker - NZ Police, Craig Chambers - Fire & Emergency NZ, Joel Burgess - Oranga Tamariki, Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakihī Trust, Gavin List - Timaru Community Patrol, Merali Taylor - Work & Income NZ, Keith Shaw - YMCA South & Mid Canterbury, Rene Templeton - SCDHB Child & Youth Mgr, Sandi Abel - Aoraki Primary Sch Principals' Assn, Robin Peterson - Greypower, Rosie Chambers - Alzheimers South Canterbury, Graham Dellow - Timaru Community Patrol, Andrea Grant - Te Whatu Ora, Kathryn Robinson - Te Whatu Ora, Greg Newton - Te Whatu Ora, Tracey Miron - Refugee Resettlement Services, Deirdre Dahlberg - Family Works and Mandy Wills - Ministry of Justice

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Members are reminded that if they have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Beth Stewart

Group Manager Community Services

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- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**
- 3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**
- 4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2023

Author: Jessica Hurst, Community Development Advisor

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2023**



MINUTES

Safer Communities Committee Meeting Thursday, 21 September 2023

Ref: 1633599

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Safer Communities Committee Meeting
Held in the Meeting Room 1, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 10.30am**

Present: Clr Scott Shannon (Deputy Chairperson), Clr Sally Parker, Katy Houstoun - Multicultural Aoraki, Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce, Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakihī Trust, Gavin List - Timaru Community Patrol, Keith Shaw - YMCA South & Mid Canterbury, Robin Peterson - Greypower, Graham Dellow - Timaru Community Patrol, Antony Callan – NZ Police, Kathryn Robinson – Te Whatu Ora, David Duthie – Timaru Christian Ministers Association, Greg Newton, Te Whatu Ora, Andrea Grant – Te Mana Ora, Deidre Dahlberg – Family Works, Amanda Wills – Ministry of Justice, Sandi Abel – South Canterbury Primary Principals’ Association

In Attendance: Claire Barlow (Community Development Manager), Naomi Scott (Community Development Support Officer), Maddison Gourlay (Marketing and Communications Advisor), Jess Hurst (Connected Communities Coordinator)

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies

Resolution 2023/29

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Scott Shannon

Seconded: Member Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakihī Trust

That the following apologies be accepted: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Rosie Chambers, Lamorna Cooper, Vicki Walker, Merali Taylor, Rene Templeton, Mark Pavelka and Sally Jarvie.

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

3.1 Minor Nature Items

Resolution 2023/30

Moved: Member Robin Peterson - Greypower

Seconded: Member Katy Houstoun - Multicultural Aoraki

The Subcommittee agreed to consider the following minor nature items at this meeting:

- Member updates

- Sir John Kirwan Trust mental health initiative

Carried

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 22 June 2023

Resolution 2023/31

Moved: Member Margie Goldsmith - Te Aitarakihi Trust

Seconded: Member Katy Houstoun - Multicultural Aoraki

That the Minutes of the Safer Communities Committee Meeting held on 22 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

6 Reports

6.1 Safer Communities Update - September 2023

The Connected Communities Coordinator spoke to the report to provide the Safer Communities Subcommittee with an operational update on activities and progress in the Safer Communities programme.

Items discussed included:

- Work on the 'Need Help' brochure will start shortly. This will be used as one tool to be able to provide agencies, and people that need support, with information about where they can go and what is available in the community.
- Currently exploring the facilitation of a multi-agency hui in Temuka to enable the community to know what is available. When it comes to homelessness and support, we know that what works in Timaru won't necessarily work in our satellite towns. The coordinator is considering attending future Community Board meetings to gauge their suggestions on what their communities might need.

Resolution 2023/32

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Scott Shannon

Seconded: Member Andrea Grant - Te Whatu Ora

That the Safer Communities Update – September 2023 report is received and noted.

Carried

6.2 Adoption of the Safer Communities Strategy

The Connected Communities Coordinator and the Community Development Manager spoke to the report to present the Timaru District Safer Communities Strategy to the Safer Communities Subcommittee for adoption.

Items discussed included:

- It was raised whether 'Strategic Priority 4 – Reduce harm in relation to drug, alcohol and addiction' is more of an action rather than a strategic priority, and whether it has been identified as being more of a priority than other key issues ie. homelessness. The Subcommittee decided that reworking the strategic priority to read 'Reduce social and family harm', would encompass drug, alcohol and addiction whilst ensuring that other harm is also a priority in the community.
- The Subcommittee agreed that the document should be bilingual, with headings in Te Reo.
- The strategy document does not include any key operative priorities, these will sit outside of the document itself, as a live action plan which enables council officers and the subcommittee to respond quickly to identified challenges and issues.
- At the strategy session, the proposal of a new name was discussed. The Community Development team will bring some suggestions to the Subcommittee meeting on 7 December.

Resolution 2023/33

Moved: Member Keith Shaw - YMCA South & Mid Canterbury

Seconded: Member Kathryn Robinson - Te Whatu Ora

That the Safer Communities Subcommittee adopts the completed Timaru District Safer Communities Strategy with minor amendments as follows:

- Strategic Priority 4 is reworked to read: 'Reduce social and family harm'
- Te Reo translations of the main headings are to be included in the completed strategy.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Safer Communities Strategy 2023



WHAKAKITENGA (VISION): Safe, resilient and connected communities in the Timaru District

KAUPAPA (MISSION): To collaborate and empower our communities safety and wellbeing

MATAPONO (PRINCIPLES): The following principles guide the implementation of this strategy:

COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE	Facilitate an inclusive, empowering and progressive process of promoting safety and wellbeing in the Timaru District
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SUPPORT	Provide information and advice required to secure funding, enable organisations with key stakeholders to deliver and evaluate best-practice activity relating to safety and wellbeing
PROACTIVE ACTION	Have the flexibility to respond to any new issues and opportunities that arise in the Timaru District
INTEGRITY	Treat each other with respect, honesty and fairness

WHĀINGA RAUTAKI (STRATEGIC PRIORITIES):

1. Empower a collaborative community that promotes wellbeing and social connectedness
2. Optimise pathways and opportunities for the community to thrive
3. Value, support and showcase diversity
4. Reduce social and family harm

6.3 Establishment of Homelessness Working Group

The Connected Communities Coordinator spoke to the report to update the Subcommittee about the establishment of a homelessness working group that will sit beneath the Safer Communities umbrella.

Items discussed included:

- It is difficult to say how many homeless people we have in the region. This question was asked in the recent Community Services Standing Committee meeting. We know the numbers in emergency housing, but it is difficult to ascertain how many are couch-hopping, sleeping in their cars and in public parks and spaces, and living in overcrowded situations. Parks and Recreation officers have confirmed that the number is increasing, and that the aggressive nature of some is growing too. The summer months will make the issue more visible.
- It was noted that would be beneficial to hear from someone that has lived experience of being homeless. It is important to talk with people rather than about them. The Connected Communities Coordinator will liaise with David Duthie to make contact with one of this clients.
- A new name for the working group is needed.

Resolution 2023/34

Moved: Member Katy Houstoun - Multicultural Aoraki

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Scott Shannon

That the Safer Communities Subcommittee receives this report and notes and supports the development of the Homelessness working group.

Carried

6.4 Endorsement of Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2025

The Community Development Manager spoke to the report to present the Timaru District Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2025 to the Safer Communities Committee for endorsement and recommendation to the Community Services Committee for adoption.

Clr Sally Parker was part of the original Age-Friendly steering group and is proud of the document that has been presented, and discussed the engagement that was done with the community, and that Council and the community now has a document to work from and plan for our district.

Items discussed included:

- The Age-Friendly network, under the Ministry for Seniors, will be using the strategy as an exemplar for new councils joining the programme.
- The need to include a wider variety of ages in the next strategy document was discussed.
- Actions are high level so that agencies can work within them.

Resolution 2023/35

Moved: Member Mandy Herewini-Wills - Ministry of Justice

Seconded: Member Robin Peterson - Greypower

That the Safer Communities Committee:

1. Receives and endorses the Timaru District Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2025; and
2. Recommends that the Community Services Committee adopts the Timaru District Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2025

Carried

7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

8.1 Member Updates

Te Aitarakihi – Margie Goldsmith

The team is very busy – especially since they have lost their community connector funding. Brenda and Hami have moved into different roles. Their Te Reo classes, in conjunction with Te Kupenga (Ara) are full. A new beginners 5-week class will start again in October. The Māra Kai (community garden) continues to grow strength to strength, with community members regularly volunteering and working with Joy Sylvia. A free produce table is outside the preschool so whānau can help themselves. A number of new programmes are starting – Te Pa Harakeke, to strengthen women; Mahi Arataki; Kahui Rangi Ora. The Waiata Fit group is doing well, they meet at Council Chambers every second Friday, with performances in the community coming up. A night market is being organised for December 1st.

Greypower – Robin Peterson

Greypower met yesterday and discussed the issue of rural transport for older people as being a barrier. Safety of footpaths continue to be a concern, as well as dangers from mobility scooters. The Connected Communities Coordinator has put Robin in touch with Daniel Naude, Road Safety Advisor, to work on this together. Members of Greypower continue to be grateful for initiatives like free pool passes.

St John – Gordon Handy

Katy Houstoun has now joined their committee. Their focus continues to be on healthy communities and keeping people living in their own homes for longer and not requiring ambulance services. Working on a community impact plan with an upcoming meeting. Partnering with another organisation for community health checks with a focus on rural areas. Upcoming event 'Think Safe Brain Day'. Ambulance services are under stress and the whole system is under pressure. Big cities are experiencing this pressure worse than we are. Timaru has another four paramedics starting shortly.

NZ Police – Antony Callan

Currently have minimum staff on each shift. Spring and Summer is their busiest time, particularly with increased visitor numbers to the MacKenzie region, this will bring increased pressure on emergency services and Police. A new Māori and Pacific Ethnic Services role is currently being advertised. We are not yet experiencing ram raids as in the bigger cities, however respite

placements for at-risk youth are sometimes being sent to South Canterbury. They are working with Oranga Tamariki to ensure they have knowledge of these youth being in the area.

Timaru Community Patrol – Gavin List and Graham Dellow

Regular patrols continue, they are definitely seeing people living in their cars. They are currently discussing increasing their patrols. Always looking for more volunteers – three or four additional members would make patrols easier.

Te Whatu Ora – Kathryn Robinson

Currently going through a restructure and they have been impacted by significant industrial action. Seeking to improve earlier intervention. Peer support services is progressing well, they will be in place in January. Working regionally on a significant piece of work in the infant and maternal mental health space. Experiencing an increase in aggression within their services. Multi-agency work continues with E Korowai.

Timaru Christian Ministers Association – David Duthie

David attended on behalf of Mark Pavelka. The South Canterbury Teen Parent Unit is looking at restarting. A meeting is being held on 11th October at 5pm at 44-46 Rothwell Street for interested parties. 'Game On' five week programme for dads has started, with a diverse group of dads. Upcoming Christmas Carols in the Gardens event to be held in the community.

WAVE – Greg Newton

Working predominantly in secondary schools and looking at how wellbeing is being promoted within schools and the wider community. Working with SADD and Daniel Naude at TDC. Vaping continues to be an issue, they endorse the 'Let's Clear the Air' programme which has strategies for both parents and schools to navigate vaping. Current work programme working with rugby clubs and the culture of alcohol, they want to increase the family activities within rugby clubs.

Te Mana Ora National Public Health Service – Andrea Grant

Also going through a restructure, designed to strengthen the public health service. Working in the prevention end as well as responding to bigger crises and emergencies. They want people to have the ability to take care of their health. Working in the space of nutrition and oral health with early childhood education centres and schools on toothbrushing projects. Would like to work with Council to create healthy public policy to ensure that disability, ageing and ethnic groups are included. An oral health hui is planned for the middle of October.

Multicultural Aoraki – Katy Houstoun

AGM held recently, their statistics show them that last year they had over 46,000 contacts with clients. They have now had 25 people go through their 'Ready to Rent' programme, with over 20 people now in private housing. Isolation continues to be a challenge for migrants new to the region, their coffee group continues to grow and be a place where newcomers can come together and get to know each other.

The Y – Keith Shaw

Enrolments for students have increased. Expanded their Y Drive programme and have employed another three driving instructors, with demand continuing to increase. Piloting youth initiatives in the Youth Space over the holidays.

Family Works - Deidre Dahlberg

Dee is the new General Manager of Family Works Presbyterian Support South Canterbury. She acknowledged outgoing Manager, Liz Nolan, whom is retiring and has served the community with the utmost dedication and compassion. A celebration was held last week to acknowledge that we now have 110 former refugees living in Timaru under the refugee resettlement programme. This was celebrated by a large event and a tree planting. Christmas Angels are coming up, where people, organisations, groups, schools and businesses are able to act as Secret Santa for local families.

Ministry of Justice – Mandy Herewini-Wills

Mandy is the Family Court Coordinator, this is a newly developed role that she has been in for one year. The role is community-driven and acts as a bridge between the court and the community. A community day for judges is upcoming on October 4 so people can understand the dynamics of court and demystify the court process. White Ribbon event to be held on 25th October facilitated by Te Rito.

Resolution 2023/36

Moved: Member Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce

Seconded: Member Kathryn Robinson - Te Whatu Ora

That the Safer Communities Subcommittee member updates be received and noted.

Carried

8.2 Sir John Kirwan Trust - Mental Health Initiative

Member Gordon Handy has been approached by the Sir John Kirwan Trust relating to the Trust setting up their mental health programmes in South Canterbury. The cost involved is approximately \$190,000 per year which would encompass working in up to 9 schools. Alternatively, the cost for one school would be \$45,000. It was discussed that perhaps Bidwill Trust has some funding, and Gordon will approach them to see whether this is something they are interested in.

Resolution 2023/37

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Scott Shannon

Seconded: Member Gordon Handy - Chamber of Commerce

That the Safer Communities Subcommittee receives and notes information relating to the Sir John Kirwan Trust mental health initiative.

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

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Clr Scott Shannon
Deputy Chairperson

6 Reports

6.1 Safer Communities Update - December 2023

Author: Jessica Hurst, Community Development Advisor

Authoriser: Claire Barlow, Community Development Manager

Recommendation

That the Safer Communities Update – December 2023 report is received and noted.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide the Safer Communities Committee with an operational update on activities and progress in the Safer Communities programme.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is deemed as low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as this has ongoing but limited community interest and affects a small number of people in the community.

Discussion

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 3 The Community Development Advisor (CDA) has continued meeting with various community agencies and stakeholders to build relationships.
- 4 This included hosting a networking event with agencies and organisations in Temuka on November 21st. The 'Let's Connect' event was attended by 25 local representatives to learn what services are available in Temuka relating to the welfare and wellbeing of residents. A variety of local agencies attended the meeting, as well as the local Rangitata Member of Parliament, and Temuka Community Board members.
- 5 A survey has been distributed to attendees of Let's Connect and feedback to date has been positive. The CDA plans to run a similar networking in Geraldine in 2024.
- 6 The CDA has also attended various local community meetings and has been guest speaker at a recent Altrusa meeting, IHC AGM and at a Grey Power meeting. This provided the Advisor with the opportunity to speak about Safer Communities and the work we are doing in this space.

Housing First Meeting

- 7 The first Housing First meeting is to be held on Monday 11th December.
- 8 At the two Community Welfare Response Forums held in May and July in response to an increase in the visibility of homelessness in the Timaru District, attendees agreed that Council officers should create a brochure like the 'Need Help?' brochure that Tauranga Council have produced.
- 9 The Timaru District *Need Help?* booklet will now be a more comprehensive resource. It will be a directory of services available for children, youth, adults and whānau across the Timaru

District and will be distributed to across the community, including to agencies, organisations, health providers, schools and to individuals that need support.

- 10 Due to the scale of this project, and the importance of ensuring that the information collated is correct, the Community Development team is investigating the option of collaborating with an external community organisation. More details on this will be provided at the Safer Communities meeting on 21st March 2024.
- 11 The Need Help booklet is in line with key priorities 1 (Empower a collaborative community that promotes wellbeing and social connectedness) and 2 (Optimise pathways and opportunities for the community to thrive) of the Safer Communities Strategy.
- 12 A copy of the Safer Mid Canterbury-produced booklet will be available for viewing at the meeting.

Age-Friendly Strategy and Safer Communities Strategy

- 13 The final Age-Friendly Strategy has been completed and was adopted at the Community Services Standing Committee on 14 November. The Strategy can now be used to inform the Council's decisions to ensure that the needs and requirements of our older population is considered.
- 14 At that meeting, the Mayor Nigel Bowen congratulated the groups involved with the development of the strategy, with specific thanks to Robin Baldwin (former manager of Timaru Senior Citizens) as a driving force behind the implementation of the strategy.
- 15 The CDA will now work on distributing the Age-Friendly Strategy within Council, continuing to engage with the National Age-Friendly Network, and working on the actions within the strategy.
- 16 At the Community Services Standing Committee meeting on 14 November, the Safer Communities Strategy was presented, and it was noted by Chairperson Stacey Scott that no date was included on the strategy. This has now been updated (as attached).

Attachments

1. **Safer Communities Strategy 2023** [↓](#) 



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6.2 Establishment of the Aoraki Settling-In Collective

Author: Jessica Hurst, Community Development Advisor

Authoriser: Beth Stewart, Group Manager Community Services

Recommendation

That the Safer Communities Subcommittee receives this report and notes and supports the development of the Aoraki Settling-In Collective working group.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform the Safer Communities subcommittee of the establishment of the Aoraki Settling-In Collective working group.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is deemed as low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy due to limited community impact across the district.

Background

- 3 The South Canterbury Migrant Steering Group was established in 2012 in response to community concerns about the wellbeing of new migrants in South Canterbury when the Ministry of Social Development's Greater Canterbury Community Response Model identified migrant wellbeing as a key community issue, and community consultation meetings reported their concerns about the wellbeing of migrant workers on dairy farms in the area.
- 4 The (newly named) Aoraki Settling-In Collective (ASIC) partnership agreement commenced in January 2015, with the purpose being for non-governmental organisations, central and local government agencies, community, voluntary groups and individuals to work together to improve the wellbeing of migrants, newcomers and former refugees.
- 5 The ASIC meets bimonthly to update attendees on challenges, issues, successes, and upcoming events relating to newcomers to the region.
- 6 As part of Welcoming Week (held in September 2023), Timaru District Council hosted a collaborative meeting enabling stakeholders involved with the settlement of former refugees to connect and receive updates on the settling-in process.
- 7 With the introduction of the Welcoming Communities programme in 2023, it was suggested that the ASIC group should sit under the umbrella of Safer Communities.
- 8 The group will retain its name as the Aoraki Settling-In Collective, and will encompass both the settling of newcomers as well as the Timaru Refugee Network group, reducing the number of meetings for local stakeholders and enabling further collaboration.

Discussion

- 9 The Community Development Advisor will work with the current Chairperson of the ASIC to update the Terms of Reference.

- 10 The Community Development Advisor and the Community Development Support Officer will facilitate these meetings enabling attendees to focus on newcomer matters.
- 11 Meetings will continue to be held bimonthly.
- 12 The working group will report back to the Safer Communities Subcommittee after each meeting.

Attachments

Nil

7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters